

ABSTRACT

A method for clustering together network clients for guiding of placement of network servers is disclosed. A number of routing table prefix/netmask entries are aggregated and unified into a tabular format. The routing table entries may be converted into a singular format. A network server log is used to extract a number of client IP addresses which are compared to the entries within the unified routing table. A common prefix shared by a number of the client IP addresses and an entry in the unified routing table is determined and used to cluster the clients together in a client cluster. Network servers, such as proxy server, cache servers, content distribution servers and mirror server may be placed in the network according to the client clusters.